

Senate Resolution 848

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing congratulations and best wishes to Mr. John Didicher on the occasion of his  
2 upcoming 100th birthday; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. John Didicher, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and esteemed citizen  
4 of the State of Georgia, celebrates his 100th birthday this April; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born April 28, 1908, in Traunaw, Romania; and

6 WHEREAS, as a child he lived on a farm where they raised corn, wheat, tobacco, hemp, and  
7 raised silk worms; and

8 WHEREAS, he apprenticed as a stone mason for three and one-half years before leaving, at  
9 the age of 19, to travel to the United States; and

10 WHEREAS, arriving in the United States, he lived with his mother's sister, Aunt Emma  
11 Martin, in North Collins, New York, working on their farm for three years; and

12 WHEREAS, he met and was married to the former Christine Rusiska, and they raised two  
13 children, Anna Mae and John Edwards; and

14 WHEREAS, he subsequently had five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, he worked as a civilian during WWII at Venice, Florida Air Force Base where  
16 bombers were built; and

17 WHEREAS, he went on to establish his own masonry contracting business, Didicher  
18 Construction Company, building masonry projects in Florida, Georgia, and Ohio; and

19 WHEREAS, he built his first house digging the basement by hand using only a shovel; and

1 WHEREAS, when he lost his beloved Christine in 2003, after 71 years of marriage, he  
2 moved in with his son John in Marietta, Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, he currently attends the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Marietta, and  
4 in his lifetime he has laid the cornerstone in five churches; and

5 WHEREAS, his last stone mason project was a stone fireplace he built for his son which was  
6 completed on his 94th birthday, and at the age of 96 he traveled to Appalachia on a mission  
7 trip to repair homes.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
9 recognize the abundant and inspirational life of Mr. John Didicher and extend to him their  
10 most sincere congratulations and best wishes for his 100th birthday on April 28, 2008.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John Didicher.